

FROM EUROPE.

LETTER FROM OUR SPECIAL PARIS CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, December 17. The Mexican Muddle. No trustworthy intelligence has been received from Mexico later than the advice brought by the Seine last week.

The News from Rome. The French troops commenced leaving the Pontifical city on the 3d instant. The officers, before their departure, paid a farewell visit to the Pope, who bestowed upon them the Apostolic benediction.

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It has been announced that the Emperor's project of a journey to Rome, which was on the point of being carried out, is completely abandoned; but, according to other information, it is yet hoped that the pilgrimage will be made.

Still at Compiegne. The French proverb of "Les jours se passent, et ne ressemblent pas" (The days pass but do not resemble one another), does not at all apply to the days spent by the Imperial family and Court at Compiegne, for there the days resemble each other very much.

The Trial of Lamirande. The fraudulent cashier of the branch Bank of France at Poitiers, commenced on Monday, the 30th inst., at the Court of Assizes of that city.

One thing of peculiar interest in this case was that his lawyers endeavored to get a suspension of his trial, in order to afford time to the English and French Governments to examine the circumstances under which he was carried off by the French police from Canada.

Another Sensation Trial. The French public cannot complain of a want of exciting trials at the present time, for immediately after Lamirande's came that of Martin Reau, the poisoner, which commenced the day before yesterday at Nior, before the Court of Assizes of the Deux Sevres.

This wretch is accused of the murder of no fewer than four of his nearest relatives, namely—his brother-in-law, Pierre Reau; his first wife, Marie Jeanne Reau; his second wife, Julie Bonnet; and his little son, Abel Reau, only two years old.

On searching his house, the police found a book on poisons. M. Lachaud, the celebrated avocat, has been retained for his defense.

Victorien Sardou's "Maison Neuve." The first representation of M. Sardou's new play of "Maison Neuve" took place on Monday, the 31st inst., at the Vaudeville Theatre. It was originally fixed for Saturday, but in consequence of the censor's having struck out several passages alluding to the rise in house rent and the dearth of living in Paris.

This piece had been widely vaunted beforehand, but was far from coming up to general expectations; indeed, it was a complete failure. It is like almost all M. Sardou's pieces, a satire on the contemporary life of Paris.

A Paris Theatre Destroyed by Fire. The small Theatre des Nouveantes, in the Rue du Faubourg St. Martin, was burned down last Monday evening.

The people were waiting for the doors to be opened, and the actors and actresses were in their dressing-rooms preparing for the performance, when the drop curtain caught fire, and in a few minutes the whole house was in flames, the only things saved being the performers' costumes.

LETTER FROM COUNT DE GASPARIN.

Universal Amnesty and Impartial Suffrage. Permit me to talk a little with you.

You know that I have never been a warm partisan of the Constitutional Amendment which was drawn up in the last session of Congress. It has always appeared to me that, for the first time to sanction by an article of the Constitution a distinction founded on color, is to give a strange conclusion to the victory of the North.

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